

WILLIMANTIC

ONE MAN MISSING

AS DRAFT QUOTA LEAVES

Felix Zajackowski fails to show up for his draft quota. He is said to be in Hartford—Other 39 men leave amid cheers and tears.

Thirty-nine men left this city on Thursday morning for Ayer, Mass., to prepare for military service. Only one man of those selected to go was absent, Felix Zajackowski, who could not be found.

The weather was ideal and all Willimantic was present to see the boys entrain. Most of the men arrived at a little after nine o'clock, and each man was surrounded by a group of relatives and friends. Many tears were shed but the boys on the average were in good spirits, although when it came time to say goodbye, many of them looked solemn.

Just before time to leave, many of them assembled in front of the wall in the rear of the station and a group picture was taken by some one in the crowd. When the train backed up in position, a line of people twenty deep on each side was formed by the police, from the train door to the place where many of the men were standing. The men then marched between these open ranks, shaking hands with and saying goodbye to their friends.

Many from the Willimantic Silk Company closed down at 10 o'clock to enable the workers to see the men off. The American Thread Company's plant did not close but all of the employees who wanted to go out were allowed to.

At the roll call, Wednesday afternoon three men were absent, Oville Chaffin, who is in the hospital, Gualtiero Nardi of Chapin and Felix Zajackowski of this city. Nardi showed up Thursday morning and said that he did not know that he was supposed to go. Zajackowski could not be found and a police officer was sent to his home at 43 Main street. There it was said that he had gone to Hartford and Hartford police officials were notified to keep a watch for him.

Charles Sweet was told to take Chaffin's place and the other two alternates, William Stygar, Edward Conoughton went along, one of them to take the absent man's place. Chairman Bradford Danielson reported that all of the men who were to report at Mooseup, 14 in all, had reported.

The men left at 10.25, fifteen min-

utes behind schedule time and with them went Clerk Fenton and Assistant Eugene Randall who remained with the men until they boarded the train at Plainfield.

At Plainfield, the men were given dinner at the hotel, a special menu being prepared for their benefit.

Four Special Trains Pass Through. Four special trains carrying 2326 men for the camp at Ayer passed through Willimantic Thursday.

The first train arrived here at 10.17 and was composed of twelve coaches, drawn by two engines. There were 730 men on the train, coming from Hartford, Rockville and Manchester chiefly. The men were fed in this city by the local depot restaurant with the aid of a Providence caterer. The lunch was in a cardboard lunch box and contained two sandwiches, two hard-boiled eggs, a pickle, a piece of cake and a pear. Coffee was also furnished, a large can full being placed on each car. The men were in the best of spirits and sang talked and cheered Willimantic. Several of the men got off of the train and when it pulled out about six men were not on it. Three of these hopped the train while it was in motion and two others chased the train a ways and then it stopped to allow them to board it. One man was left behind but he left on a later train.

The second train passed through here at 11.30. The train contained 703 men, chiefly from western Connecticut. Again, several had to do some running to get aboard.

The third train came in at 2.40 and was the same size as the first train, containing 731 men from Danbury locality. Many of the men bought refreshments here and four missed the train, but they boarded the last train. The fourth and last train had 692 men from New Haven and small places along the line, and arrived at 2.50.

The local yard resembled a battlefield because of the waste paper and lunch boxes, which were scattered along the tracks.

Missionary Meetings.

An interesting meeting of the Missionary society of the Baptist church of this city was held at the home of Mrs. Charles W. Tryon, Wednesday afternoon. The afternoon was spent chiefly in telling about some of the ancient church reformers and disciples such as Martin Luther and John Wycliffe. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Extra Police on Duty.

The heavy traffic Thursday morning during the entraining of the local boys for Camp Devens was handled by an extra force of policemen.

Charged With Stealing Coat.

After a chase by Officer Grady, partly on foot and partly by automobile, Charles Bidwell of Milk street was arrested, charged with stealing a coat from Harry Shinn. The arrest was made in front of Grant's store. Bidwell will be before Friday's police court.

Automobile Strikes Wagon.

A wagon driven by George Grant of this city was hit by an automobile driven by Wilson E. Wilmerth of this city, Wednesday evening, in front of the post office. The cause of the accident was the sudden turning of the car. Mr. Wilmerth slowed his automobile down but could not prevent the collision. He agreed to pay for the damage to the wagon which consisted of a broken wheel.

There were forty-one births in the town of Windham during August.

WEDDING

Cary—Burnham.

Miss Helen Burnham of Hampton and Dwight E. Cary of Scotland were married at the home of the bride's parents in Hampton, Tuesday, by Rev. Vernon W. Cooke. Only intimate friends were present. Mrs. Cary is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick A. Burnham of Hampton and is president of the Sodality of the Congregational church in this city. Mr. Cary is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Cary of Scotland, Conn., and will enter the service of Uncle Sam during the first part of October.

SON ON PAROLE BEATS,

GAGS AND ROBS FATHER

Alarm Sent Out for Claude Taylor, Bad Man From Willington, Now at Large.

After serving 11 years of a twenty-year sentence for some crime in the Charleston jail, Claude Taylor was released on parole and three days later, he cruelly assaulted his 72-year-old father, bound and gagged him, D. Taylor of Willington and then ran away from his house.

Claude was released last Friday on parole through the efforts of his mother who lives in Mansfield, near the pumping station. At the jail his conduct was good and he was a trusty but he made a bad name of his boyhood locality. He and his mother went to Willington, Sunday, to visit with his father, since his parents do not live together. Tuesday evening he again appeared at his father's home and asked that he might come in and read the paper. His father let him come in.

After reading a short time he dealt his father a severe blow which knocked Mr. Taylor senseless. Then he

bound the hands and feet of his father and gagged him and laid him behind a stone wall. He went into the house and ransacked it, taking among other things, \$20 in money and a rifle.

His father managed to loosen the rope around his feet about 10 o'clock in the evening, two hours after being bound, and reached the home of a neighbor, Joseph Dimmock, about 11 o'clock, in a nearly exhausted condition. His clothes were soaked and he was gagged and his hands were tied when he arrived at the house. He was placed in bed and nothing was done that night but the next day the sheriff was notified.

From what could be learned on Thursday evening, young Taylor is a bad character. While living in Willington, he stole a horse and in Massachusetts he made many daring holdups. When some of the Willington people heard that he had a rifle with him they said that he would probably do desperate things.

The state police will be probably placed on the case. Descriptions of him were given by a number of people who could be learned, he is a tall man, about six feet and has black eyes.

Normal Students Given Outing.

The bacon and hot dog bar, given by the faculty of the State Normal school to the students on Thursday afternoon on Hooper Mountain was a great success. The young ladies went over on the mountain after school and played games. A large bonfire was made and the following menu was enjoyed: Hot dogs, bacon, sandwiches, raised doughnuts, hot coffee, toasted marshmallows. The dogs and bacon were cooked over the fire on the ends of long sticks and the marshmallows were toasted in the same way. The coffee was heated over the fire.

A new song, composed for such picnics, which are given by the faculty each year, was given its first tryout during the afternoon. It was composed by a member of the faculty.

Following the picnic the students lined up and paraded down Mountain street to Bridge street. At the Railroad crossing, the crossing tender proved gallant and held up a train so that the parade would not be interrupted. They then went down Main street to Lincoln square and returned to the normal school where they disbanded, all the time singing the Picnic Song.

FUNERAL.

Christine Giraca.

Funeral services for Christine Giraca who dropped dead in front of the model school, Tuesday, were held at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Giraca at 54 Meadow street, Thursday morning at 8.30. The requiem high mass at St. Joseph's church was sung by Rev. T. F. Bannon officiating. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Brief Mention.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fenton, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fenton and Miss Bertha Weeks, of this city, and Mrs. Horace Fenton and son, Richard of Annapolis, Md., have returned from a short visit at Ocean Beach. Mrs. Horace Fenton with her son is visiting her brother-in-law, Robert Fenton.

Junior Class Committees.

The second meeting of the Junior class at the high school was held Thursday afternoon. The matter of class colors and class pins was the only business discussed. Committees were named as follows: Class colors—Chester Clifford, chairman; Margaret Noeworthy and Myrtice Tyon; class pins—Marion Ide, chairman; Meda Adams and Alice Hickey.

Thread Company Sells Land.

The American Thread company has sold a large portion of land fronting on Main street, from the east end of the Jordan block to the store occupied by C. W. Noyes, which has a length of 193 feet and an average depth of 30 feet. The land was bought by the following: Carrie A. Mary E. and Annie Stiles, 45 Front feet; A. E. Buck, 51 front feet; Mrs. Mary L. Stearns, 31 front feet; The Swift Co., 28 front feet; Frank Rosen, 31 front feet.

TWO ALTERNATES GO.

With Regularly Selected Men Who Left City for Camp Devens

The local boys who left this city Thursday for Camp Devens, Ayer, were one hour late in leaving Plainfield, the train leaving about 3.45. The alternates who were sent were Charles Sweet, of this city, who takes Oville Chaffin's place, and Edward Conoughton, who takes Zajackowski's place, as the latter could not be found. Pearl L. Chamberlain did not go with the Plainfield train as there was a death in his family and Edward Butler of Plainfield took his place.

The following is a list of those who entrained in this city:

James Pilling Cochran, captain. Eloff N. Salin, Pomfret, 1st sergeant. Thomas Casey. Joseph E. Potvin. Olie Rock. Romeo A. Cote. James Casey. Victor Brunell. William G. Weinisch. Alvin V. Nelson. Vincent Ferrigno. Edward A. Morrison. Anthony F. McKenna. Pierre L. Gagnon. Laurence J. Marrotte. Arthur E. Cotter. Harry J. Kelley. Herminigilde Lariviere, Jr. Maxime Bertrand. Alden H. Whitmore. Florimond Lisse. Albert Beck. Cleve R. Jacques. Ralph J. Lussier. Arthur R. Neff. Vincenzo Inesalco. Harry F. Clark. Eugene Dion. Alvin V. Swanson. Eugene T. Campbell. All from Willimantic. William H. Robbins, Pomfret. Emile Gaudreau, Brooklyn. Walter Champagne, Abington. John Bradley, Pomfret. Melvin I. Bickford, Elliott. Giuseppe Nardi, Chapin. Ernest F. Hunker, South Windham. Pearl L. Chamberlain, South Windham.

Alternates. Charles Sweet, Willimantic. Edwin J. Conoughton, Willimantic.

At Rockville Fair.

Willimantic was represented at the Rockville fair in the athletic events and both of the local teams were entered secured a place. Edward Morrison secured third place in the 220-yard dash, receiving a bronze medal. Hugh McQuade, well known in lo-

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cal high school sporting circles as "Smiler" took third place in the "Murray" race.

Cyclers to Give Minstrel Show.

A special meeting of the Thread City Cyclers was held at the club rooms on Main street Tuesday evening. The attendance was unusually large. The resignation of Roy Downer was read and accepted. He recently enlisted in the regular army. Dwight Jordan, the vice president, was promoted to his place and E. D. Eastman was elected vice president.

It was voted to hold a minstrel show Thanksgiving Day and the following committee was named: Gilbert Flynn, chairman, Clinton Wood and John T. Pickett. This will be the 27th annual minstrel and will be in charge of George Bartlett as usual. A membership campaign will be conducted and Gilbert Flynn was made chairman of the committee. The next meeting will be held October 23.

Home From the West.

Walter McGaughan, who has been visiting friends in western Colorado has returned to this city for a short stay. While out west, he worked on a ranch, helping in the irrigation work and harvesting the crops of alfalfa and wheat. The place where he was staying was among the Rockies and he says that the climate is great. He is tanned like an Indian and has lost superfluous flesh but gained in sinew.

STONINGTON

Borough Suspends Business To Do Honor to Boys Leaving for Ayer—Differences With Velvet Weavers Settled.

Stonington surely did itself proud Thursday morning in the farewell parade honoring the boys of the town drafted for military duty under the select service law. The boys who left for New London and thence with their mothers to Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass., were given every possible honor by their townspeople. Business was suspended in the borough during the parade and general cheering. The time cannot be recalled when so many Stonington people assembled at the railway station. The drafted young men were escorted by a procession made up as follows: headed by Major Charles P. Williams, mounted, as marshal; Stonington Fire Police; squad of patrolmen; Imperial band; James Ferry, leader; B. Company, Connecticut National Guard; Captain I. Frank Gavitt; J. F. Trumbull Post, G. A. R. in carriages; Edward H. Sheffield, commander; Stonington selectmen; local members State Council of Defense, Elias B. Hinckley, Frederick Boulter and James H. Weeks; the selected young men, the honored men of the town; warden and burgesses; Portuguese Rifles; Cheesbro Fife and Drum Corps; Stonington Boy Scouts;

Tierney Temperance cadets; Stonington borough fire department, headed by Chief Teed and Assistant Maine; Portuguese Fraternity; school children and citizens. All along the line of march there were expressions of general patriotism and best wishes for the young men selected to serve their country.

The borough boys honored are: Paul Longe, William J. Higgins, John E. Garrit, Leonard Paterson, Stefan Saviczky, William H. R. Waple, Herman H. Simons, Manuel Abrean, James C. Gilmore, John Ferria, Joseph Kropkowski, Louis S. Whit, Julius Hermans and Germania Abren.

It is reported that the striking weavers of the velvet mill have settled differences and will return to work next Monday.

James M. Leahy, of the borough, has been transferred from Camp Devens to New Haven. Louis Santos was hailed before the Stonington town court for a fourth time within as many weeks on charge of breach of the peace, and received lenient treatment until the limit was reached. This time he is sentenced to thirty days and to pay costs of \$3.35.

There are forty cars in Stonington, lumber-laden and consigned to the Construction and Trading Company.

TAKEN ILL ON TRAIN

John Crimmins, New Haven Man, Hurried to Hospital.

Putnam, Sept. 20.—One of the New Haven selected men who passed through this city Thursday, on one of the long trains, became ill just before the train reached Putnam. He was taken off and hurried in an ambulance to the Day Kimball hospital, where he gave his name as John Crimmins. It was said at the hospital that the man was suffering from an ailment of a nature not serious. He will proceed to Camp Devens as soon as his condition permits, which may be some time today.

Appreciated Red Cross Thoughtfulness.

Putnam, Sept. 20.—

Some Norwich and Willimantic men who saw the send-off in this city on Thursday afternoon conceded it to be the greatest of its kind of which Connecticut can boast. These men were particularly pleased with the attention shown by the Red Cross society to the men of their cities, when lunches were being served.

Bouquet for Soldier-Singer.

Putnam, Sept. 20.—

From the steps of a train that was conveying nearly a thousand men from towns in the western part of the state to Camp Devens at Ayer, a vocalist of real merit entertained hundreds of people at the Putnam station Thursday afternoon. His ren-

dition of Mother McCree was received with thunderous applause and some woman in the crowd succeeded in presenting him a bouquet of roses, which he disassembled and divided with his companions. He responded with an encore with the same song, and got the same great hand as on his introductory.

ALL WENT SOBER

Putnam's Drafted Men Superior to Some Others in This Regard.

Putnam, Sept. 20.—

There is this to be said to the ever-

lasting credit of the 48 men who went away from this city to Camp Devens Thursday—then went away sober, their own real selves. Unfortunately this cannot be said of scores of the men on other trains that went through Putnam. District board members who were in this city said that such actions would not be tolerated in the future, on the part of any men from the first district. Means will be applied to keep the men under control.

Hartford—Thomas B. McDonald, clerk at the State Comptroller's office, has returned from a two weeks' vacation, spent at his home in Sharon.

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